IN RE: PETITION FOR ZONING VARIANCE E/S Greenspring Avenue, 761.13' \* DEPUTY ZONING COMMISSIONER W of Mariposa Road 3rd Election District \* OF BALTIMORE COUNTY 2nd Councilmanic District

Diversified-Greenspring Ave.

Ltd. Partnership

Petitioner \* \* \* \* \* \* \* \* \* \*

\* Case No. 89-211-A

## FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

The Petitioner herein requests a variance to permit building separations of 25 feet in lieu of the required 30 feet for building heights between 25 and 30 feet for "Greenspring East, Section 1" (46 lots) as more particularly described in Petitioner's Exhibit 1.

The Petitioner, by Ellwood A. Sinsky, Vice President, D.I.A. Greenspring Avenue, Inc., a General Partner, and Fred Lampel, Vice President, Ryland Homes, appeared, testified, and were represented by Robert A. McFarland, Esquire. Also appearing on behalf of the Petition was Sam Shockley with Development Engineering Consultants, Inc. There were no

Testimony indicated that the subject property, split zoned D.R. 2 and D.R. 3.5, consists of approximately 36 acres and is located off of Greenspring Avenue in the vicinity of Sugarcone Road. The property is the o o site of the proposed Greenspring East, Section 1 subdivision which is to be developed into 46 lots. Mr. Lampel testified that due to the architectural modifications of the roof structures of the proposed homes, a higher pitched roof has been developed which will result in building heights of 28 and 1/2 feet. Mr. Lampel testified that the interior design of the proposed homes is the same as homes built by Ryland Homes that are 25 feet Petitioners testified the variances are being requested at this

PETITION FOR ZONING VALIANCE TO THE ZONING COMMISSIONER OF BALTIMORE COUNTY:

The undersigned, legal owner(s) of the property situate in Baltimore County and which is described in the description and plat attached hereto and made a part hereof, hereby petition for a Variance from Section 1801-2-C-1 to permit building separation of 25 feet in lieu of the required 30' for building heights between 25 and 30 feet for "Greenspring East Section 1 (46 Lots).

of the Zoning Regulations of Baltimore County, to the Zoning Law of Baltimore County; for the following reasons: (indicate hardship or practical difficulty) 1) Smaller units in proposed development would be inconsistant with adjacent properties.

Height reduction in proposed units would be impractical for builder. Maximum unit height is 28.04 feet.

Property is to be posted and advertised as prescribed by Zoning Regulations.

I, or we, agree to pay expenses of above Variance advertising, posting, etc., upon filing of this petition, and further agree to and are to be bound by the zoning regulations and restrictions of Baltimore County adopted pursuant to the Zoning Law For Baltimore County.

I/We do solemnly declare and affirm, under the penalties of perjury, that I/we are the legal owner(s) of the property which is the subject of this Petition. Contract Purchaser: Legal Owner(s):
Diversified Greenspring Ave. Ltd. Partnership THE RYLAND GROUP, INC. BALTIMORE DIVISION Gen'l. Partner-D.I.A. Greenspring Avenue, Inc. (Type or Print Name) (Type or Print Name) Signature MICHAEL M. BRODSKY, V.P. Signature Ellwood Sinsky, V.F. DIVISION MANAGER

1300 YORK RD., SUITE 110 (Type or Print Name) LUTHERVILLE, MD 21093 (301) 821-5311 Attorney for Petitioner:

POWER AND MOSNER 2416 Velvet Valley Way (301) 363-6644 Signature THOMAS J. DOLINA City and State 21 W. SUSQUEHANNA AVENUE Name, address and phone number of togak person con-

Development Engineering Consultants, Inc. 6603 York Road

Attorney's Telephone No.: (301) 823-1250 Baltimore, MD 21212 (301) 377-2600 

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Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County.

time to permit potential building lot buyers the ability to choose the model which best meets their particular needs at the time of purchase. Since Petitioners cannot determine which model will be placed on which lot, testimony indicated the variance has been generally requested. Testimony indicated that in many instances, 30-foot side yard setbacks will result. Petitioners indicated the proposed howes are from their "Executive" series and are compatible with the neighborhood and meet present marketing demands. Petitioners argued that the granting of the variance will not result in any detriment to the health, safety or general welfare of the public and in fact will be an economic benefit to this development and adjoining communities. Further, Petitioners argued that a denial of the variance will result in practical hardship.

An area variance may be granted where strict application of the zoning regulations would cause practical difficulty to the Petitioner and his property. McLean v. Soley, 270 Md. 208 (1973). To prove practical difficulty for an area variance, the Petitioner must meet the following:

> whether strict compliance with requirement would unreasonably prevent the use of the property for a permitted purpose or render conformance unnecessarily burdensome;

2) whether the grant would do substantial injustice to applicant as well as other property owners in the district or whether a lesser relaxation than that applied for would give substantial relief; and

3) whether relief can be granted in such fashion that the spirit of the ordinance will be observed and public safety and welfare secured.

Anderson v. Bd. of Appeals, Town of Chesapeake Beach, 22 Md. App. 28 (1974).

It is clear from the testimony that if the variance is granted, such use as proposed would not be contrary to the spirit of the B.C.Z.R.

ty, and general welfare.

and would not result in substantial detriment to the public health, safe-

Pursuant to the advertisement, posting of the property, and public hearing on this Petition held, and for the reasons given above, the variance requested should be granted.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED by the Deputy Zoning Commissioner for Baltimore County this  $15^{\mu}$  day of December, 1988 that the Petition for Zoning Variance to permit building separations of 25 feet in lieu of the required 30 feet for building heights between 25 and 30 feet for "Greenspring East, Section 1" (46 lots), in accordance with Petitioner's Exhibit 1, be and is hereby GRANTED, subject, however, to the following restric-

> 1) The Petitioners may apply for its building permit and be granted same upon receipt of this Order; however, Petitioner is hereby made aware that proceeding at this time is at its own risk until such time as the 30-day appellate process from this Order has expired. If, for whatever reason, this Order is reversed, the Petitioner would be required to return, and be responsible for returning, said property to its original condition.

2) Petitioners shall not request any other front, rear, and/or side variances for this Development.

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Baltimore County Zoning Commissioner Office of Planning & Zoning Towson, Maryland 21204 **ASSESS** 887-3353 J. Robert Haines

December 15, 1988

Robert A. McFarland, Esquire Power & Mosner 21 W. Susquehanna Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204

Case No. 89-211-A

RE: PETITION FOR ZONING VARIANCE E/S Greenspring Avenue, 761.13' W of Mariposa Road 3rd Election District - 2nd Councilmanic District Diversified-Greenspring Avenue Ltd. Partnership - Petitioners

Dear Mr. McFarland:

Enclosed please find a copy of the decision rendered in the above-captioned matter. The Petition for Zoning Variance has been granted in accordance with the attached Order.

In the event any party finds the decision rendered is unfavorable, any party may file an appeal to the County Board of Appeals within thirty (30) days of the date of this Order. For further information on filing an appeal, please contact Ms. Charlotte Radcliffe at 494-3391.

Very truly yours,

ANN M. NASTAROWICZ Deputy Zoning Commissioner for Baltimore County

AMN:bjs

cc: People's Counsel

File

## Development Engineering Consultants, Unc. Site Engineers & Surveyors

DESCRIPTION TO ACCOMPANY ZONING VARIANCE REQUEST

OUTLINE DESCRIPTION OF SECTION 1 GREENSPRING EAST LOCATED IN THE 3RD ELECTION DISTRICT OF BALTIMORE COUNTY.

Beginning for the same a point on the easterly side of Greenspring Avenue right-of-way (80 feet wide); said point being the southwestern-most corner of the subject site, thence running for the following 15 courses and distances viz:

(1) Along a curve to the left having a radius of 2,905.01 feet for a distance of 119.91 feet; (2) North 03 degrees 50 minutes 35 seconds West, 157.47 feet (3) North 65 degrees 50 minutes 37 seconds East, 32.66 feet; (4) North 03 degrees 50 minutes 35 seconds West, 64.40 feet; (5) Along a curve to the left having a radius of 924.93 feet for a distance of 11.74 feet; (6) South 64 degrees 50 minutes 37 seconds West, 20.96 feet; (?) North 03 degrees 50 minutes 35 seconds West, 444.14 feet; (8) North 88 degrees 25 minutes 27 seconds East, 372.11 feet; (9) North 68 degrees 30 minutes 00 seconds East, 1,841.00 feet; (10) North 41 degrees 38 minutes 00 seconds East, 50.65 feet; (11) South 48 degrees 33 minutes 45 seconds East, 300.00 feet; (12) South 03 degrees 36 minutes 44 seconds East, 329.84 feet; (13) South 61 degrees 12 minutes 00 seconds West, 1,516.75 feet; (14) North 71 degrees 04 minutes 00 seconds West, 330.00 feet; (15) South 62 degrees 08 minutes 00 seconds West, 761.13 feet to the point of

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Containing 36.589 acres of land (gross) more or less.

Being the same parcel(s) of land as recorded as "1st. Amended Section 1 Plat(s) 1 and 2. of Greenspring East" in Plat Book S.M. 57, Folios 140 and 141.

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89-211-A CERTIFICATE OF POSTING ZONING DEPARTMENT OF BALTIMORE COUNTY

Date of Posting November 16 1908 Direvisified Gungung aroue Itd. Partnership roperty Els Greenspring arenus, 761.13 W Mariposa Road Gent side of Gungaring apprel 725 north of Sugar Date of return Morember 18, 1988 Posted by S. J. Arata Mumber of Signs: \_\_\_/

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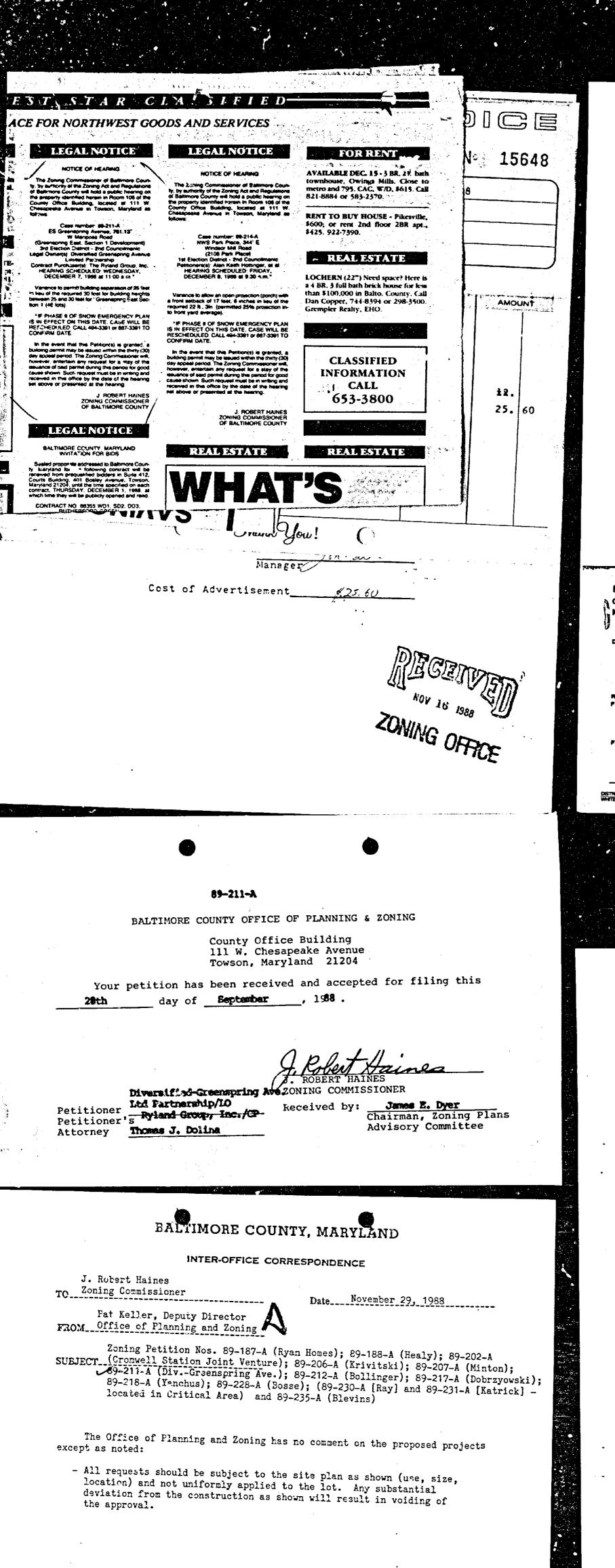
CERTIFICATE OF PUBLICATION

THIS IS TO CERTIFY, that the annexed advertisement was published in THE JEFFERSONIAN, a weekly newspaper printed and published in Towson, Baltimore County, Md., appearing on <u>nsv 17 , 19.88</u>.

THE JEFFERSONIAN,

PO 05870 reg M 20428 case 89-211-4 price \$ 35.63

J. ROBERT HAIN



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Baltimore County Zoning Commissioner Office of Planning & Zoning Towson, Maryland 21204 494-3353 / 887-3353 J. Robert Haines Thomas J. Dolina, Esq. Power and Mosner 21 W. Susquehanna Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204 Re: Petition for Zoning Variance CASE NUMBER: 89-211-A ES Greenspring Avenue, 761.13' & Mariposa Road (Greenspring East, Section 1 Development) 3rd Election District - 2nd Councilmanic Legal Owner(s): Diversified Greenspring Avenue Limited Partnership Contract Purchaser(s): The Ryland Group, Inc. HEARING SCHEDULED: WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7, 1988 at 11:00 a.m.\* Dear Mr. Dolina:

Please be advised that  $\frac{976.33}{}$  is due for advertising and posting of the above-referenced property. All fees must be paid prior to the hearing. Do not remove the sign and post set(s) from the property from the time it is posted by this office until the day of the hearing itself.

THIS FEE MUST BE PAID AND THE ZONING SIGN(S) AND POST(S) RETURNED ON THE DAY OF THE HEARING OR THE ORDER SHALL NOT BE ISSUED.

Please make your check payable to Baltimore County, Maryland and bring it along with the sign(s) and post(s) to the Zoning Office, County Office Building, Room 111, Towson, Maryland 21204 fifteen (15) minutes before your hearing is scheduled to begin.

September 27, 1988

Re: Property Owner: Legal Owner - Diversified Greenspring Avenue
Ltd. Partnership Gen'l. Partner D.I.A. Greenspring Avenue, Inc.

Dennis F. Rasmussen
County Executive

Pursuant to your request, the referenced property has been surveyed by this

Bureau and the comments below marked with an "A" are applicable and required

( ) 1. Fire hydrants for the referenced property are required and shall be located at intervals or \_\_\_\_ feet along an approved road in accor-dance with Baltimore County Standards as published by the Department

to be corrected or incorporated into the final plans for the property.

( ) 2. A second means of vehicle access is required for the site.

EXCEEDS the maximum allowed by the Fire Department.

( ) 4. The site shall be made to comply with all applicable parts of the

(  $_{\rm X}$ ) 5. The buildings and structures existing or proposed on the site shall

Fire Prevention Code prior to occupancy or beginning of operation.

comply with all applicable requirements of the National Fire Pro-

tection Association Standard No. 101 "Life Safety Code," 1976 edition

Location: E/S Greenspring Avenue, 761.13' W. of Mariposa Rd., (Greenspring East,

Zoning Agenda: Meeting of 9/27/88

Contract Purchaser: The Ryland Group, Inc. Balto. Division

Section I Development)

( ) 3. The vehicle dead end condition shown at \_

post set(s), there

\*IF PHASE II OF SNOW EMERGENCY PLAN IS IN

EFFECT ON THIS DATE, CASE WILL BE RESCHEDUL-

ED. CALL 494-3391 or 887-3391 TO CONFIRM

Dennis F. Rasmussen

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Baltimore County Zoning Commissioner Office of Planning & Zoning Towson, Maryland 21204 J. Robert Haines Zoning Commissioner

October 25, 1988

## NOTICE OF HEARING



The Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County, by authority of the Zoning Act and Regulations of Baltimore County will hold a public hearing on the property identified herein in Room 106 of the County Office Building, located at 111 W. Chesapeake Avenue in Towson, Maryland as follows:

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In the event that this Petition is granted, a building permit may be issued within the thirty (30) day appeal period. The Zoning Commissioner will, however, entertain any request for a stay of the issuance of said permit during this period for good cause shown. Such request must be in writing and received in this office by the date of the hearing set above or presented at the hearing.

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Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County cc: Mr. Ellwood Sinsky

J. ROBERT HAINES

Mr. Michael M. Brodsky Thomas J. Dolina, Esq.

GENCY PLAN IS IN EFFECT IN BALTIMORE COUNTY BY 8:30 a.m. ON THE DATE OF THE ABOVE HEAR-ING, SUCH HEARING WILL BE POSTPONED AND TENTATIVELY RESCHEDULED FOR THURSDAY, JANUARY 12, 1989. PLEASE TELEPHONE DOCKET CLERK AT 494-3391 or 887-3391TO CONFIRM

Baltimore County Department of Public Works Bureau of Traffic Engineering Courts Building, Suite 405 Towson, Maryland 21204 494-3554

October 28, 1988



Mr. J. Robert Haines Zoning Commissioner County Office Building Towson, Maryland 21204

Dear Mr. Haines:

The Bureau of Traffic Engineering has no comments for items number 105, 106, 108, 109, 110, 111, 113, and 114

Very truly yours,

Michael S. Flanigan Engineering Associate



BALTIMORE COUNTY ZONING PLANS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Power and Mosner

RE: Item No. 114, Case No. 89-211-A Purchaser

Baltimore County

Fire Department

Paul H. Reincke Chief

J. Robert Haines Zoning Commissioner

Towson, MD 21204

494-4500

Towson, Maryland 21204-2586

Office of Planning and Zoning

Item No.: 114

Baltimore County Office Building

of Public Works.

prior to occupancy.

( ) 6. Site plans are approved, as drawn.

( ) 7. The Fire Prevention Bureau has no comments at this time

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Special Inspection Division

COUNTY OFFICE BLDG. 111 W. Chesapeake Ave. Towson, Maryland 21204

Traffic Engineering State Roads Commission Bureau of Fire Prevention

MEMBERS

Health Department

Project Planning

Building Department

6603 York Road

November 29, 1988 Petitioner: Diversified - Greenspring Ave. Ltd Partnership/Legal Owner The Ryland Group, Inc./Contract Petition for Zoning Variance

Dear Mr. Dolina: The Zoning Plans Advisory Committee has reviewed the plans submitted with the above referenced petition. The following comments are not intended to indicate the appropriateness of the zoning action requested, but to assure that all parties are made aware of plans or problems with regard to the development plans that may have a bearing on this case. Director of Planning may file a written report with the Zoning Commissioner with recommendations as to the suitability of the requested zoning. Enclosed are all comments submitted from the members of the Committee at this time that offer or request information on your petition. If similar comments from the remaining members are received, I will forward them to you. Otherwise, any

Baltimore, Maryland 21212

comment that is not informative will be placed in the hearing file. This petition was accepted for filing on the date of the enclosed filing certificate and a hearing scheduled accordingly. Very truly yours,

Thomas J. Dolina, Esquire 21 West Susquehanna Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204

Chairman

Zoning Plans Advisory Committée

Board of Education Zoning Administration

JED:dt Enclosures

cc: Steven L. Fader, Development Engineering Consultants, Inc.

